

he had a major stroke. Nine days later, he died, after hundreds of friends and family came to hospice to say goodbye.

Wes Buchele lived a long, full, productive life with energy and verve. He had, indeed, fulfilled his calling to help make the lives of farmers easier and safer, and our country and our world are better for that.●

REMEMBERING ROGER ROTH

● Mr. ROUNDS. Mr. President, today I wish to honor the life and legacy of Roger Roth, who passed away on November 21, 2017, at the age of 70. Roger grew up on a farm near Chelsea, SD, and graduated from Cresbard High School in 1965.

In 1969, Roger began 39 years of public service as a postal carrier and then the postmaster at Warner, SD. His dedication to the people he served was recognized in 2001 when the National Association of Postmasters of the United States named him the Postmaster of the Year.

We are also grateful for Roger's 38 years of service in the U.S. Army Reserve in both Aberdeen, SD, and Alexandria, VA.

For many years, Roger was also a coach and umpire for many youth sports teams from midget league to college. He coached and helped coach the Warner American Legion baseball team for more than 25 years and was a South Dakota American Legion athletic commissioner for 5 years. He was a positive force in the lives of thousands of young people and was admired by all who met him.

He also played baseball and softball for many years and was inducted into the Aberdeen Area Softball Hall of Fame and the South Dakota Baseball Hall of Fame.

He was the official scorekeeper for Warner High School boys' and girls' basketball teams and for the Northern State University men's and women's basketball teams. He even drove the bus for the Presentation College baseball and volleyball teams.

Roger was a member of the Warner Volunteer Fire Department, the Warner Sanitary Sewer District Board, the Warner-Stratford Lions Club, the Moose Lodge, the League Postmasters, and the Local National Active and Retired Federal Employees organization.

In the small town of Warner, whenever help was needed, he was there to help meet that need.

Above all else, Roger was a loving, caring husband to his wife, Judy, and to his children, Jim and Becky. He is gone now, but memories of him will live forever in the hearts of thousands of South Dakotans.●

REMEMBERING ANNA DIGGS TAYLOR

● Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, today I wish to remember and pay tribute to Judge Anna Diggs Taylor, who

turned her lifelong passion for justice into a highly successful legal career, breaking down barriers for women and people of color and inspiring me and so many others in our State.

When Anna Katherine Johnston was born in 1932 in Washington, DC, women had very few options. African-American women had even fewer. However, Anna's parents, Hazel Bramlette Johnston—a business teacher—and Virginius Douglass Johnston—a Howard University trustee—deeply believed in the power of education and in their smart, hard-working daughter. When she was in 10th grade, they pulled her from the segregated DC school system and enrolled her in the prestigious Northfield School for Girls in Massachusetts, from which she graduated in 1950.

Her own early experiences with segregation and witnessing how the law could be used as a tool to further equality led her to the legal profession. It wasn't a common career path for women in those days. In fact, when she graduated from Yale Law School in 1957, there were only four other women in her class. About 5,500 women were practicing lawyers in the United States in 1960.

Anna got her chance to join those ranks when J. Ernest Wilkins, the first African-American man appointed as an Assistant Secretary of Labor, hired her as a staff lawyer in the Office of the Solicitor. In 1960, Anna married Congressman Charles Diggs, Jr., and moved to Detroit, where she had two children and a career, including as an assistant Wayne County prosecutor.

In 1964, her passion for justice led her to Mississippi, where she represented civil rights workers who were jailed for helping register African-American voters. She arrived the same day civil rights activists James Chaney, Andrew Goodman, and Michael Schwerner disappeared, and she became a target of hatred herself when an angry mob yelled racial slurs at her and three other activists as they were leaving the Neshoba County courthouse after trying to question the sheriff.

Over the years, Anna worked both in private practice and in public service, as an assistant U.S. attorney and managing her husband's congressional office. When she and her husband later divorced, she helped to elect Coleman Young as Detroit's first Black mayor and worked to integrate city government during his administration.

In 1976, Anna married S. Martin Taylor and worked on Jimmy Carter's Presidential campaign. Three years later, President Carter appointed her to the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan. She was the first Black woman Federal judge to serve in our State and the first Black Woman chief judge for that circuit. She retired in 2011.

She once said that "black judges have an important role, especially in staying close to their communities," and Judge Taylor did just that. She

was deeply involved in community organizations including the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan. She was an adjunct law professor at Wayne State University, vice president of the Yale Law School Association, and served on the joint steering committee of the gender and racial ethnic fairness task forces for the Sixth Circuit, positions that allowed her to help open the same doors that others had opened for her.

In a biography, Judge Taylor once wrote that her legal career was "a thousand times more exciting, more intellectually challenging, and more enriching" than she had ever imagined while at Yale Law. That didn't mean it was easy; breaking barriers never is. Yet she did it. Judge Taylor's life and career will long serve as an example of just how far you can go with hard work, persistence, and a passionate dedication to your ideals.

I think that young girl in a segregated DC classroom would be really proud. I know that many people in Michigan certainly are.

Thank you.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 12:23 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 2810. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2018 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. HATCH).

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3506. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the Specialty Crops Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pistachios Grown in California, Arizona, and New Mexico; Decreased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-SC-17-0048) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 27, 2017; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3507. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the Specialty Crops Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Softwood Lumber Research Promotion, Consumer Education and Industry Information Order; De Minimis Quantity Exemption Threshold" (Docket No. AMS-SC-16-0066) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 27, 2017; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3508. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the Specialty Crops Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Minimum Quality and Handling Standards for Domestic and Imported Peanuts Marketed in the United States; Change to the Quality and Handling Requirements" (Docket No. AMS-SC-16-0102) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 27, 2017; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3509. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the Specialty Crops Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oranges, Grapefruit, Tangerines, and Pummelos Grown in Florida; Change in Size Requirements for Oranges" (Docket No. AMS-SC-17-0064) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 27, 2017; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3510. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions (Multiple Chemicals)" (FRL No. 9969-16-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 28, 2017; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3511. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Ethofumesate; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9969-13-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 28, 2017; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3512. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Boscalid; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 9968-95-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 28, 2017; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3513. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Nitrpyrin; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9967-73-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 28, 2017; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3514. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "1,3-dibromo-5,5-dimethylhydantoin; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9968-30-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 28, 2017; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3515. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Ziram; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9970-38-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 28, 2017; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3516. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Polyethyleneimine; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9970-06-OCSPP) received in the Office of the

President of the Senate on November 28, 2017; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3517. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to violations of the Antideficiency Act that involved fiscal year 2013 Operation and Maintenance, Army Reserve (OMAR), funds; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-3518. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting the report of eighteen (18) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3519. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Thomas S. Vandal, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3520. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to Implement United States Policy toward Cuba" (RIN0694-AH47) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 27, 2017; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3521. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility (Chester County, PA, et al.)" ((44 CFR Part 64) (Docket No. FEMA-2017-0002)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 27, 2017; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3522. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility (Carroll County, IA, et al.)" ((44 CFR Part 64) (Docket No. FEMA-2017-0002)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 27, 2017; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3523. A communication from the Honors Attorney, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Appraisals for Higher-Priced Mortgage Loans Exemption Threshold" (Docket No. CFPB-2017-0029) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 27, 2017; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3524. A communication from the Honors Attorney, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Truth in Lending (Regulation Z)" (Docket No. CFPB-2017-0027) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 27, 2017; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3525. A communication from the Program Specialist of the Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Appraisals for Higher-Priced Mortgage Loans Exemption Threshold" (RIN1557-AE25) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 27, 2017; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3526. A communication from the Honors Attorney, Legal Division, Bureau of Con-

sumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Consumer Leasing (Regulation M)" (Docket No. CFPB-2017-0026) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 27, 2017; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3527. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Truth in Lending (Regulation Z) Annual Threshold Adjustments (Credit Cards, HOEPA, and ATR/QM)" (12 CFR Part 1026) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 27, 2017; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3528. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulatory Capital Rules; Retention of Certain Existing Transition Provisions for Banking Organizations That Are Not Subject to the Advanced Approaches Capital Rules" (RIN3064-AE63) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 28, 2017; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3529. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of a national emergency declared in Executive Order 13222 with respect to the lapse of the Export Administration Act of 1979; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3530. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the stabilization of Iraq that was declared in Executive Order 13303 of May 22, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3531. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Kentucky Regulatory Program" ((30 CFR Part 917) (Docket ID OSM-2011-0005)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 27, 2017; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3532. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Texas Regulatory Program" ((30 CFR Part 943) (Docket ID OSM-2016-0001)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 27, 2017; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3533. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Indiana Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Plan" ((30 CFR Part 914) (Docket ID OSM-2016-0004)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 27, 2017; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3534. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; GA: Emission Reduction Credits" (FRL No. 9971-12-Region 4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 27, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3535. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air

Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; 2011 Base Year Inventory for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard for the Baltimore, Maryland Nonattainment Area; Withdrawal of Direct Final Rule" (FRL No. 9971-13-Region 3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 27, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3536. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Nonattainment New Source Review Requirements for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone Standard; Withdrawal of Direct Final Rule" (FRL No. 9971-14-Region 3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 27, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3537. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "State of Missouri; Withdrawal of Direct Final Rule; Approval of Missouri Air Quality Implementation Plans; Infrastructure SIP Requirements for the 2008 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard" (FRL No. 9971-21-Region 7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 27, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3538. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "State of Missouri; Withdrawal of Direct Final Rule; Approval of Missouri Air Quality Implementation Plans; Infrastructure SIP Requirements for the 2010 Sulfur Dioxide National Ambient Air Quality Standard" (FRL No. 9971-22-Region 7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 27, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3539. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "State of Nebraska; Withdrawal of Direct Final Rule; Approval of Nebraska's Air Quality Implementation Plan, Operating Permits Program, and 112(1) Program; Revision to Nebraska Administrative Code" (FRL No. 9971-15-Region 7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 27, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3540. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "State of Nebraska; Withdrawal of Direct Final Rule; Approval of Nebraska Air Quality Implementation Plans; Adoption of a New Chapter Under the Nebraska Administrative Code" (FRL No. 9971-16-Region 7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 27, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3541. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of California Air Plan Revisions, Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District" (FRL No. 9970-93-Region 9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 28, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3542. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule en-

titled "Approval of California Air Plan Revisions, Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District" (FRL No. 9970-92-Region 9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 28, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3543. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to California State Implementation Plan; Bay Area Air Quality Management District; Emission Reduction Credit Banking" (FRL No. 9970-68-Region 9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 28, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3544. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Revision of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of New York; Regional Haze State and Federal Implementation Plan" (FRL No. 9971-28-Region 2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 28, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3545. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; ID; 2012 PM2.5 Standard Infrastructure Requirements" (FRL No. 9971-33-Region 10) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 28, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3546. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clarification of Licensee Actions in Receipt of Enforcement Discretion per Enforcement Guidance Memorandum EGM 15-002, 'Enforcement Discretion for Tornado-Generated Missile Protection Noncompliance'" (NRC-2017-0052) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 28, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3547. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Final FY 2015 and Preliminary FY 2017 Disproportionate Share Hospital Allotments, and Final FY 2015 and Preliminary FY 2017 Institutions for Mental Diseases Disproportionate Share Hospital Limits" ((RIN0938-ZB43) (CMS-2409-N)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 29, 2017; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3548. A communication from the Senior Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Departmental Offices, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Department of the Treasury Acquisition Regulations; Tax Check Requirements" (48 CFR Parts 1009 and 1052) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 29, 2017; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3549. A communication from the Executive Analyst (Political), Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, two (2) reports relative to a vacancy in the position of Secretary of Health and Human Services, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 27, 2017; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3550. A communication from the Executive Analyst (Political), Department of

Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Secretary of Health and Human Services, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 28, 2017; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3551. A communication from the Executive Analyst (Political), Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Commissioner, Administration for Children, Youth and Families, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 29, 2017; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3552. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program 12th Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3553. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program for 2017; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3554. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2017-0197—2017-0205); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3555. A communication from the Office of Presidential Appointments, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, ten (10) reports relative to vacancies in the Department of State, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 27, 2017; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3556. A communication from the Executive Secretary, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 27, 2017; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3557. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Health Education Assistance Loan (HEAL) Program" (RIN1840-AD21) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 28, 2017; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3558. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary, Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education, Department of Education, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 28, 2017; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3559. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 28, 2017; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3560. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, two (2) reports relative to vacancies in the Department of Homeland

Security, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 29, 2017; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3561. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Audit of the Public Vehicles For-Hire Consumer Service Fund"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3562. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Budgeting and Staffing at Eight DCPS Elementary Schools"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3563. A communication from the Director, National Science Foundation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for the Foundation's fiscal year 2017 Agency Financial Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3564. A joint communication from the Chairman and the Acting General Counsel, National Labor Relations Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General Semiannual Report for the period of April 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3565. A communication from the Associate Administrator, Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2017; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3566. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Defense Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3567. A communication from the Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the cost of response and recovery efforts for FEMA-3391-EM in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico having exceeded the \$5,000,000 limit for a single emergency declaration; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3568. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3569. A communication from the Chair, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2017; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3570. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Semiannual Report to Congress on Audit Follow-up for the period of April 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3571. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3572. A communication from the Chairman, Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Performance and Account-

ability Report for fiscal year 2017; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3573. A communication from the Chairman of the United States International Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2017; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3574. A communication from the Acting Chairman of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2017; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3575. A communication from the Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), transmitting, pursuant to law, the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for USAID's Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2017; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3576. A communication from the Chairman, National Endowment for the Arts, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Endowment's Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2017; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3577. A communication from the Treasurer, National Gallery of Art, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Gallery's Performance and Accountability Report for the year ended September 30, 2017; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3578. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for the Department's Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2017; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3579. A communication from the Director, Congressional Affairs, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2017; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3580. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Transportation's Semiannual Report of the Office of Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3581. A communication from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Semiannual Report of the Office of Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3582. A communication from the Federal Co-Chair, Appalachian Regional Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3583. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2017; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3584. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1,

2017 through September 30, 2017; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3585. A communication from the Executive Analyst (Political), Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Commissioner, Administration on Native Americans, Department of Health and Human Services, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 29, 2017; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-3586. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary and Director, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 29, 2017; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3587. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "VA Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Nomenclature Change for Position Title - Revision" (RIN2900-AQ11) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 27, 2017; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. THUNE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:

Report to accompany S. 1532, a bill to disqualify from operating a commercial motor vehicle for life an individual who uses a commercial motor vehicle in committing a felony involving human trafficking (Rept. No. 115-188).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. MCCAIN for the Committee on Armed Services.

*John C. Rood, of Arizona, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Policy.

*Randall G. Schriver, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Army nomination of Col. Douglas F. Stitt, to be Brigadier General.

Navy nomination of Capt. Michael E. Boyle, to be Rear Admiral (lower half).

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. Lisa M. Franchetti, to be Vice Admiral.

Air Force nomination of Brig. Gen. Arthur E. Jackman, Jr., to be Major General.

Air Force nomination of Brig. Gen. Josef F. Schmid III, to be Major General.

Air Force nominations beginning with Col. John M. Breazeale and ending with Col. Christopher F. Yancy, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 14, 2017.

Air Force nomination of Col. Darlow G. Botha, Jr., to be Brigadier General.

Air Force nominations beginning with Col. Steven J. deMilliano and ending with Col. Christopher E. Finerty, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 14, 2017.

Air Force nominations beginning with Col. Michele K. LaMontagne and ending with Col. Michael J. Regan, Jr., which nominations